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TO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN TO ASSESS CHROME
ORE EXPORT SITUATION

1. WILLIAM FETTER OF PPG INDUSTRIES PLANS VISIT SOUTH
AFRICA MARCH 31 THROUGH APRIL 18 TO ASSESS STATUS OF
PRESENT CHROME ORE EXPORT NETWORK THROUGH MAPUTO AND TO
INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES. MR. FETTER
PLANS DISCUSS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS
PAST AND PRESENT PROBLEMS OF SHIPPING THROUGH MAPUTO AND
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES WHICH SOUTH AFRICANS MAY BE PREPARING
OR CONSIDERING IN EVENT OF FUTURE DISRUPTIONS OF
TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE. PPG INDUSTRIES WAS
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY CHROME ORE SHORTAGES DURING ORE
SHIPMENT BOTTLENECK PROBLEMS IN MOZAMBIQUE LAST WINTER.

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2. MR. FETTER PLANS CALL KIRBY AT CONGEN IN JOHANNESBURG ON TUESDAY APRIL 6 OR WEDNESDAY APRIL 7 TO REVIEW ORE SHIPPING SITUATION. HE ALSO PLANS VISIT CAPE TOWN, DURBAN, AND RICHARD'S BAY AND MAY CONTACT WILLIAMS IN CAPE TOWN AND BERG IN DURBAN. FETTER DOES NOT PLAN VISIT MAPUTO ON THIS TRIP. KISSINGER

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